REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request amendment to the instant application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to amend claims 32-34 to change "an integer larger than 2" to read --an integer of 2 or more-- instead. This amendment is only to unify the terms in the claims, and Applicants believe that the terms of "an integer larger than 2" and "integer of 2 or more" were used as the same meaning, so that neither new issue nor new matter is introduced by this amendment. No new matter has been introduced and further, the amendment does not raise new issues requiring additional search or consideration.

In the event that the Examiner has any questions related to this amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned agent concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

In view of the above, entry of the same prior to issuance is respectfully requested.

The present application is believed in condition for allowance. Prompt notification of the same is earnestly sought.

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